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SUMMARY: NO INFORMATION ON BRANDT/CLERIDES MEETING
AVAILABLE. SCHMIDT MAY VISIT TURKEY IN MAY. FRG
CONTINUES TO BELIEVE GOT POSITION IS "FORTHCOMING" AND
TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS IS POSSIBLE. END
SUMMARY.

1. BRANDT/CLERIDES MEETING: EMBASSY OFFICER REQUESTED
BRIEFING FROM FONOFF ON CLERIDES' MEETING WITH BRANDT
IN BONN ON FEB. 24. WE WERE TOLD THAT THE SPD HAS
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REFUSED TO BRIEF THE FONOFF ON THE MEETING.

2. SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER VISITS TO TURKEY: WHEN GENSCHER MET TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEK, HE TOLD CAGLAYANGIL THAT HE COULD NOT VISIT TURKEY BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH FRG ELECTIONS. GENSCHER ASKED CAGLAYANGIL IF HE COULD VISIT BONN. GENSCHER MADE THIS PROPOSAL BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THE FRG SHOULD DO END OF THE YEAR VISIT TO GREECE AND FOR THE MISREPRESENTATION OF SOME OF SCHMIDT'S REMARKS DURING THE VISIT WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRESS. FOR THE SAME REASON AND AT THE SAME TIME, SCHMIDT CALLED IN THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN BONN AND OFFERED TO STOP OVER IN ANKARA ON HIS WAY TO SAUDI ARABIA IN MAY. SCHMIDT MADE THIS OFFER WITHOUT CONSULTING GENSCHER, WHO NOW WISHES HE HAD NOT OFFERED A VISIT TO CAGLAYANGIL SINCE THE LAST THING THE FRG WANTS IS TWO TURKISH/FRG VISITS. NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE GOT TO EITHER PROPOSAL.

3. ATTITUDE OF TURKISH GOVERNMENT: WE ASKED THE FONOFF WHAT INFORMATION IT HAS TO SUPPORT ITS BELIEF THAT THE GOT HAS ADOPTED A "FORTHCOMING" POSTURE ON CYPRUS. IN REPLY THE FONOFF RECITED THE HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LED TO THE CAGLAYANGIL/BITSIOS MEETING IN BRUSSELS AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE VIENNA TALKS. THE FONOFF CLAIMS THAT THIS HISTORY DEMONSTRATES A WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE GOT TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY.

4. AS FOR SIGNS THAT THE GOT IS PREPARING THE TURKISH POPULACE FOR COMPROMISE, THE FONOFF CITED PUBLICATION OF A PAMPHLET IN THE TURKISH PART OF CYPRUS WHICH CONTAINED A STATEMENT RECOGNIZING THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE DEMARCATION LINE CAN BE CHANGED. THE SAME PAMPHLET ALSO

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IDENTIFIES FAMAGUSTA AND VAROSHA AS AREAS WHICH CAN BE TURNED OVER TO THE GREEKS. THE FONOFF CLAIMED THAT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO ANKARA AID MINISTER BAHR WAS TOLD BY ERBAKAN, WHOM IT DESCRIBES AS A HARD-LINER, THAT HE IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT CONCESSIONS. ECEVIT HAS ALSO ASSURED FRG OFFICIALS THAT HE ACCEPTS NEED FOR CONCESSIONS. THE FONOFF BELIEVES ECEVIT'S STATEMENTS SHOULD BE TRUSTED SINCE HE IS TRYING TO JOIN THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL AND NEEDS SPD SUPPORT TO DO SO. ACCORDING TO FONOFF, BRANDT WILL MEET ECEVIT IN ISTANBUL APRIL 14/15.

5. TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT: FONOFF CLAIMS THAT CLERIDES AND DENKTASH HAVE REACHED A LARGE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT. WE WERE SHOWN A CONFIDENTIAL CABLE FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN NICOSIA WHICH REPORTED THAT, ACCORDING TO CLERIDES, DENKTASH HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREED TO A REDUCTION IN THE TURKISH-HELD TERRITORY OF 24 PERCENT. FONOFF ALSO CLAIMED THAT DENKTASH AND CLERIDES HAVE AGREED ON TWO ZONES DIVIDED BY THE LINE OUTLINED IN BONN 3494. IN ORDER TO MASK THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE ZONAL APPROACH, THEY HAVE REPORTEDLY AGREED TO A TURKISH CANTON AT KOKKINA AND A GREEK CANTON ON THE KARPASIA PENINSULA. THEY HAVE FURTHER AGREED TO DROP THESE TWO CANTONS OUT OF THE TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT AS NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED.

6. THE FONOFF ACKNOWLEDGES THAT A TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP IN A COMPLICATED PROCESS,

BUT IT WAS EVIDENT FROM OUR TALK THAT THE FONOFF THINKS
PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE.
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